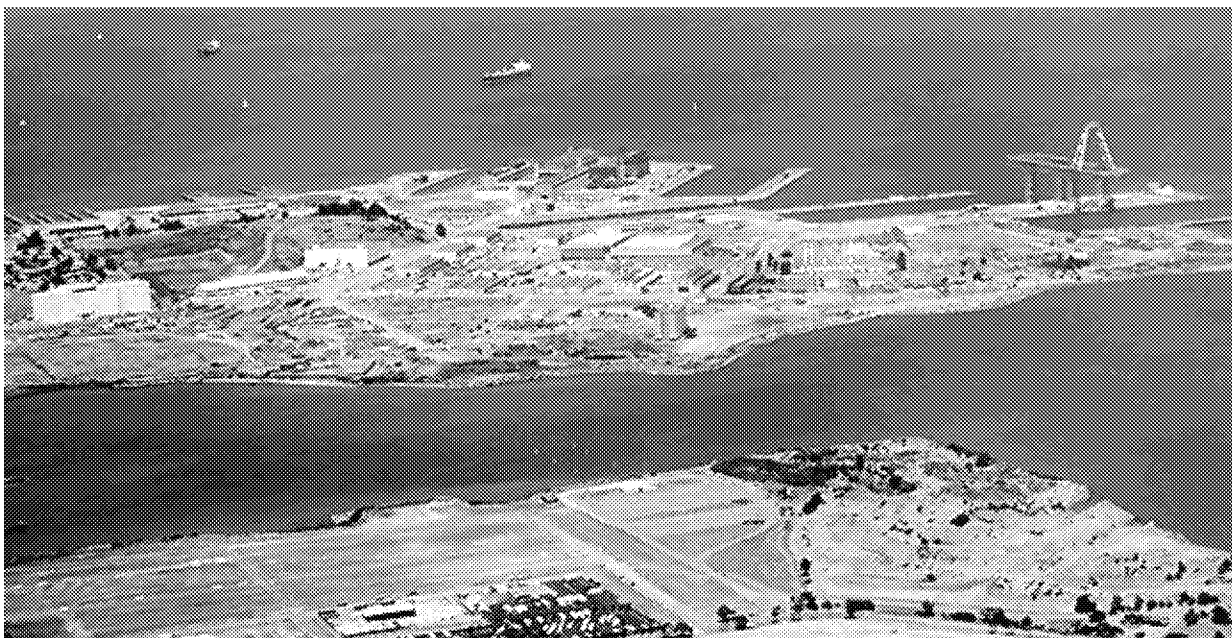


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The Hunters Point Naval Shipyard in California is seen from the air. Telstar Logistics/Wikipedia

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) today called on the inspectors general for EPA and the Navy to investigate the cleanup of a Superfund site in her home state.

The \$1 billion remediation of the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard recently came under fire after two Tetra Tech Inc. employees admitted they manipulated soil test results (*Greenwire*, May 4).

"The massive manipulation and falsification of data by Navy contractor Tetra Tech EC has left an unacceptable cloud of fear and doubt over the Hunters Point Community," Pelosi wrote in a pair of letters.

"The ongoing threat to the health and safety of Bayview-Hunters Point residents and the disturbing lack of transparency threaten to undermine the confidence of the community and incredible work that dedicated civil servants and community leaders have committed to this landmark development," she continued.

Pelosi asked the inspectors general to investigate whether the agencies "provided the appropriate level of oversight during the original clean-up and testing process." She said an investigation is needed to "guarantee that all those responsible for Tetra Tech EC's abuse have been held to account."

She asked for an immediate briefing on the cleanup and retesting status.

The two former supervisors pleaded guilty last year to falsifying soil samples, but their pleas were under seal until recently.

They admitted to replacing potentially radioactive soil with clean soil for testing, and one noted pressure from supervisors to falsify the records. Tetra Tech has agreed to pay for the retesting.

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